

SOOES/OZETTE – OZETTE COHO

STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS	2002 STATUS
Unknown	Unknown

STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

Adult coho have been surveyed annually in seven tributaries to Lake Ozette since the late 1990s by Makah Fisheries Management. Adult coho counts peaked at 200 fish per mile surveyed in December of 1998. Habitat classification, combined with increased effort (increasing the number of stream surveys, survey segments and number of surveyors), has enabled more accurate escapement estimates since 1999. Adult coho surveys conducted in 1998 by Makah Fisheries Management found moderate to high numbers in most watersheds. Fyke netting in Umbrella Creek in 1999 caught almost 50,000 emergent coho fry egressing to Lake Ozette in only three weeks of trapping. Prior to these efforts, no coho stock assessment work had been conducted in this watershed.

Estimates of the total spawning population in the Ozette watershed are not available at this time. Therefore stock status is again rated as **Unknown**.

STOCK DEFINITION

Ozette coho were defined as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION: Spawning takes place in accessible tributaries in the Lake Ozette basin such as Umbrella Creek.

SPAWNING TIMING: Spawning generally occurs from late October through January.

GENETIC ANALYSIS: Genetic analysis has not been done on Ozette coho.

STOCK ORIGIN

This is a **native** stock with **wild** production. There have been no releases of hatchery coho into the Ozette watershed.